NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT BACTERIA TOTAL DAILY MAXIMUM LOADS FOR THE APPOMATTOX RIVER BASIN

ISSUED: December 24, 2007

COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES: January 23, 2008

Notice is hereby given that the State Water Control Board seeks comment on proposed modifications to the bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) developed for the Appomattox River Basin in Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Amelia, Nottoway, Powhatan, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie and Prince George Counties and Cities of Petersburg, Colonial Heights and Hopewell.

The total maximum daily load of *E. coli* was developed to address bacterial impairment in the Appomattox River Basin. The TMDL was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on 8/30/2004 and can be found at the following website: http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl report result.cfm.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) seeks written comments from interested persons on the modification of this TMDL. As part of the issuance of new VPDES permit VA0091707, Amelia Courthouse Sanitary District requested a maximum tiered design flow of 3.0 mgd for a new STP discharging to Smacks Creek in Amelia County. VDEQ proposes to modify the wasteload allocation and TMDL to accommodate this expansion at a permitted *E. coli* concentration of 126 cfu/100ml. To review the proposed revisions to the wasteload allocation tables and TMDL equation tables, please contact Mark Alling using the contact information below.

For the bacterial TMDL, the proposed increase will not cause a water quality violation because Virginia's Water Quality Standards for bacteria require that treated effluent discharged into a receiving stream meet the bacteria criteria for the stream. The EPA considers a less than 1% change to the TMDL to be insignificant. The proposed wasteload allocation for this facility will be 0.662% of the TMDL.

The public comment period for this modification will end on January 23, 2008. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Mark Alling. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Mark Alling, Piedmont Regional Office, Department of Environmental Quality, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060, telephone (804) 527-5021, or email msalling@deq.virginia.gov.